## Claims:

1. Use of at least one substituted  $\gamma$ -lactone compound of the general formula I,

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R<sup>1</sup> denotes an optionally at least mono-substituted 2-pyridyl, 2-pyrimidyl, 2-pyrazolyl, 2-quinolinyl or 2-pyrazinyl residue, which may also be fused with a saturated or at least partially unsaturated hydrocarbon ring system,

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m R}^2$  denotes an optionally at least mono-substituted, saturated, branched or unbranched aliphatic  $C_{1-10}$  residue or an optionally at least mono-substituted, at least partially unsaturated, branched or unbranched aliphatic  $C_{2-10}$  residue,

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 ${\ensuremath{\mathsf{R}}}^3$  denotes an optionally at least mono-substituted aryl residue,

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R4 denotes H,

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or

 $R^3$  and  $R^4$  together denote an optionally at least monosubstituted, saturated or at least mono-unsaturated aliphatic  $C_{3-7}$  residue, with the proviso that the residue  $R^2$  in this case denotes an optionally at least mono-substituted aryl residue, an optionally at least mono-substituted, saturated, branched or unbranched aliphatic  $C_{1-10}$  residue or an optionally at least monosubstituted, at least partially unsaturated, branched or unbranched aliphatic  $C_{2-10}$  residue,

in the form of the racemates, diastereomers or
enantiomers thereof as a free base or of a
corresponding physiologically acceptable salt for the
production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the
treatment of migraine.

- 20 2. Use according to claim 1, characterised in that R<sup>1</sup> denotes an optionally at least mono-substituted 2-pyridyl-residue, which may also be fused with a saturated or at least partially unsaturated hydrocarbon ring system, preferably denotes a 2-pyridyl residue which is substituted at least in position 4.
- 3. Use according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that  $R^2$  denotes an optionally at least mono-substituted, branched or unbranched  $C_{1-6}$ -residue.

- 4. Use according to one of claims 1 to 3, characterised in that  ${\bf R}^3$  denotes an optionally at least monosubstituted aryl residue and  ${\bf R}^4$  denotes H.
- 5 5. Use according to one of claims 1 to 4, characterised in that the compound used of the general formula I according to claim 1 comprises at least one compound selected from the group consisting of
- 5-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenyl)-3-(8-hydroxy-quinolin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,
  - 5-(3,4-Dimethyl-phenyl)-3-(4,6-dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,
- 5-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenyl)-3-(4,6-dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

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- 5-(4-Cyclohexyl-phenyl)-3-(4,6-dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,
  - 5-(3,5-Dimethyl-phenyl)-3-(4,6-dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,
- 5-(3,4-Dimethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(4-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,
  - 5-(2,4-Dimethyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(4-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,
- 5-(4-Cyclohexyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(4-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

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5-Methyl-3-(quinolin-2-ylamino)-5-m-tolyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

3-(4,6-Dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-5-p-tolyl-5 dihydro-furan-2-one,

3-(4,6-Dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-5-m-tolyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

3-(4,6-Dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(4-ethoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

4-[4-(3-Bromo-5-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-2-methyl-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-2-yl]-benzonitrile,

3-(3-Bromo-5-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(4-tert-butyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-(4-tert-Butyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(6-propyl-pyridin-20 2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-(4-tert-Butyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(4-methyl-3-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

25 3-(5-Bromo-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-5-(4-phenoxy-phenyl)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-(4-tert-Butyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(3-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

3-(3-Benzyloxy-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-5-(4-phenoxy-phenyl)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

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3-(3-Benzyloxy-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(4-tert-butyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

3-(4,6-Dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-5-(4-phenoxy-phenyl)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-(4-tert-Butyl-phenyl)-3-(4,6-dimethyl-pyridin-2-yl-amino)-5-methyl-dihydrofuran-2-one,

5-Methyl-3-(4-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(4-phenoxy-phenyl)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-(4-tert-Butyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(4-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

4-[4-(5-Bromo-3-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-2-methyl-5-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-2-yl]-benzonitrile,

4-[4-(5-Bromo-pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-2-methyl-5-oxo-20 tetrahydro-furan-2-yl]-benzonitrile,

5-Benzo[b] thiophen-2-yl-5-methyl-3-(6-propyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

25 3-(4,6-Dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(4-isopropyl-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-Benzofuran-2-yl-3-(4,6-dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-Benzo[b]thiophen-2-yl-5-methyl-3-(4-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-Benzofuran-2-yl-5-methyl-3-(4-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

3-(5-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-methyl-2-oxo-tetrahydrofuran-3-ylamino)-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonitrile,

3-(5-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-methyl-2-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-ylamino)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester,

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5-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-methyl-3-(3-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

3-(4,6-Dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-5-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-dihydro-furan-2one,

3-(4,6-Dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-5-naphthalen-2-yl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

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5-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-methyl-3-(4-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-Methyl-3-(4-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(5,6,7,8-25 tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-methyl-3-(5-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-Benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl-5-methyl-3-(6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

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3-(5-Bromo-3-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-5-(5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalen-2-yl)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5 3-(5-Bromo-3-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-isopropyl-5-phenyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-Isopropyl-3-(5-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-phenyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

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5-Methyl-5-naphthalen-2-yl-3-(5-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-Isopropyl-5-phenyl-3-(pyrimidin-2-ylamino)-dihydrofuran-2-one,

3-[5-(4-Iodo-phenyl)-5-methyl-2-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-ylamino]-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester,

5-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-3-(5-bromo-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

3-(3-Bromo-5-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-5-naphthalen-1-yl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

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5-Methyl-5-naphthalen-1-yl-3-(6-propyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(6-propyl-pyridin-2-30 ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(4-methyl-3-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(4-methyl-3-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5 3-(5-Bromo-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-5-naphthalen-1-yl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

3-(5-Bromo-6-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(4-iodo-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

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3-(3-Benzyloxy-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(4-iodo-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

3-(3-Benzyloxy-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(4-bromo-phenyl)5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

3-(4,6-Dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(4-iodo-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-3-(4,6-dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

5-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(3-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

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5-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(4-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,

2-[5-(3,5-Dimethoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-2-oxo-tetrahydrofuran-3-ylamino]-4-propyl-pyrimidine-5-carboxylic acid ethyl ester, . 0. .

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- 3-(4-Bromo-1H-pyrazol-3-ylamino)-5-(3,5-dimethoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,
- 3-(4-Bromo-1H-pyrazol-3-ylamino)-5-(2-methoxy-phenyl)5 5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,
  - 3-[5-(2,5-Dimethoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-2-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-ylamino]-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonitrile,
- 3-[5-(2,5-Dimethoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-2-oxo-tetrahydro-furan-3-ylamino]-5-methylsulfanyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonitrile,
- 5-(2,5-Dimethoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,
  - 5-(2-Methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,
- - 3-(3-Chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(2,5-dimethoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,
- 3-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,
- 3-(3-Chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-30 (2,4-dimethoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,
  - 3-(4,6-Dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,

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- 3-(4,6-Dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,
- 5 5-(3,4-Dimethoxy-phenyl)-3-(4,6-dimethyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-5-methyl-dihydro-furan-2-one,
  - 5-(4-Methoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(4-methyl-pyridin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one,
- 5-(2,5-Dimethoxy-phenyl)-5-methyl-3-(pyrazin-2-ylamino)-dihydro-furan-2-one and
- 5-Methylsulfanyl-3-(2-oxo-5-phenyl-5-propyltetrahydro-furan-3-ylamino)-1H-pyrazole-4-carbonitrile
  - and the corresponding physiologically acceptable salts thereof, preferably the hydrochlorides thereof.
- 20 6. Use of at least one substituted γ-lactone compound of the general formula I according to one of claims 1 to 5 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of septic shock.
- 7. Use of at least one substituted γ-lactone compound of the general formula I according to one of claims 1 to 5 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases.
- 30 8. Use according to claim 7 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of multiple sclerosis.

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- 9. Use according to claim 7 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of Parkinson's disease.
- 5 10. Use according to claim 7 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

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- 11. Use according to claim 7 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of Huntington's chorea.
- 12. Use of at least one substituted γ-lactone compound of the general formula I according to one of claims 1 to
  5 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of inflammation.
- 13. Use of at least one substituted γ-lactone compound of the general formula I according to one of claims 1 to
  5 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of inflammatory pain.
- 14. Use of at least one substituted γ-lactone compound of the general formula I according to one of claims 1 to
  25 5 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of cerebral ischaemia.
- 15. Use of at least one substituted γ-lactone compound of the general formula I according to one of claims 1 to
  5 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of diabetes.

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16. Use of at least one substituted  $\gamma$ -lactone compound of the general formula I according to one of claims 1 to 5 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of meningitis.

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17. Use of at least one substituted  $\gamma$ -lactone compound of the general formula I according to one of claims 1 to 5 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of arteriosclerosis.

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18. Use of at least one substituted  $\gamma$ -lactone compound of the general formula I according to one of claims 1 to 5 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for wound healing.

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19. Use of at least one substituted  $\gamma$ -lactone compound of the general formula I according to one of claims 1 to 5 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of neoplastic diseases.

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20. Use of at least one substituted  $\gamma$ -lactone compound of the general formula I according to one of claims 1 to 5 for the production of a pharmaceutical preparation for the treatment of fungal diseases.